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SUBJECT: LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS: THE WINNERS IN DARLAC

REF: SAIGON'S 8122

1. NGUYEN VAN CHI AND VO VAN MAU WERE ELECTED FROM A FIELD OF 16 CANDIDATES TO FILL DARLAC'S TWO VIETNAMESE LOWER HOUSE SEATS. CHI RECEIVED 12,109 AND MAU 12,023 OF THE 63,395 VOTES CAST. BOTH WERE CONSIDERED PROBABLE WINNERS. Y WICK BUON YA, THE ONLY CANDIDATE FOR DARLAC'S SOUTHERN MONTAGNARD SEAT, WAS

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ELECTED WITH 59,036 VOTES.

2. REFTEL GIVES BASIC BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON ALL THREE MEN. NGODEN VAN CHI IS A 50-YEAR OLD BUDDHIST FROM SAIGON WHO HAS SPENT THE LAST 30 YEARS WORKING IN THE FIELD OF DEDUCATION.

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CHI WAS UNTIL RECENTLY THE PRIMARY EDUCATION SERVICE CHIEF IN DARLAC. AMERICANS WHO KNOW CHI CONSIDER HIM INTELLIGENT, COMPETENT AND HONEST. VO VAN MAU IS A 40-YEAR-OLD NORTHERN CATHOLIC REFUGEE FROM NGHE AN WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL WORK MOST OF HIS LIFE. HE IS OF THE HUNG DUC CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN BAN ME THUOT AND A RESPECTED COMMUNITY LEADER. BOTH MEN STRESSED SIMILAR THEMES IN THEIR CAMPAIGNS: THE ACHIEVEMENT OF IZACE IN FREEDOM, THE PROTECTION OF VIETNAMESE SOVEREIGNITY, THE ELIMINATION OF GOVERNMENTAL CORRUPTION AND SOCIAL INJUSTICE, THE IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION. Y WICK IS A 43-YEAR-OLD RHADE PROTESTANT FROM DARLAC. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF FULRO SINCE ITS FOUNDING. IN 1966, HE WAS ELECTED TO THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WHERE HE SERVED WITHOUT PARTICULAR DISTINCTION.
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